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1. JULY 13 ROMANIA LIBERIA CARRIES ARTICLE COMPARING TWO
AGRICULTURAL COOPERATIVES ON ARIES RIVER NEAR CLUJ. COOPERATIVE
LUNA, RECIPIENT OF NUMEROUS PRODUCTION AWARDS, IS COMPARED
FAVORABLY TO ITS LESS PRODUCTIVE NEIGHBOR, COOPERATIVE LUNCANI.

2. WHEAT - PAST LUNA WHEAT YIELDS HAVE BEEN 17 QUINTALS
(1961-1965), 25 QUINTALS (1966-1970), AND 36 QUINTALS
(1971-1975). LUNA PRESIDENT BELIEVES CONDITIONS ARE PRESENT
THIS YEAR FOR GOOD RESULTS. LUNCANI TARGET YIELD FOR THIS YEAR
JQS AT LEAST 35 QUINTALS, WITH MOST RECENT ESTIMATES PREDICTING
ABOUT 38-40.

3. BARLEY - LUNCANI BARLEY YIELD WILL EXCEED TARGET BY A FEW
QUINTALS (NO ABSOLUTE FIGURES GIVEN).

4. CORN - ARTICLE GAVE NO YIELD ESTIMATES FOR CORN.
AVERAGE YIELDS FOR LUNA IN LAST THREE FIVE-YEAR PLANS
WERE 29, 34 AND 57 QUINTALS OF KERNELS (NON-IRRIGATED).
LUNA CULTIVATES AVERAGE 65,000 PLANTS PER HECTARE; LUNCANI
60,000 FOR GROUP 100 HYBRIDS AND 48,000-55,000 FOR GROUP
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200 HYBRIDS.

5. COMMENT: AS AGATT AWARE, CROP YIELD PREDICTIONS ALMOST NEVER
APPEAR IN ROMANIAN PRESS. WE ASSUME BOTH COOPERATIVES' YIELDS
ARE ABOVE NATIONAL AVERAGES. PREDICTIONS OF GOOD YIELDS,
EVEN EXCEEDING PLAN, INDICATED TO US THAT AT LEAST THAT LIMITED
PART OF TRANSYLVANIA HAS AT YET BEEN UNAFFECTED BY EUROPEAN
DROUGHT.
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